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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6185

BILL NUMBER: HB 1014

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 16, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Childhood Obesity.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Department of Education to develop: (1) recommendations for school corporation nutritional policies and curricula; and (2) model policies for the measurement of student body mass indexes. The bill requires school corporations to adopt nutritional integrity policies. (3) The bill requires physical activity during the school day at least five days each week for students in public schools. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Excellence in Health Care.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* (1) The Division of School and Community Nutrition Programs (DSCNP) of the Indiana Department of Education would be required to determine and establish curricula and policies on nutrition in schools. The DSCNP reports that it is unlikely that this provision could be implemented within current funding, which is primarily federal and used for specific programs.

The source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill would depend upon legislative and administrative actions at either the state or federal level.

(2) The implementation of model policies for body mass indexes should have a minimal impact to state expenditures. Schools would be able to gather the student body mass data and report back to the Department without additional need for equipment.

Background: The DSCNP receives federal funding to implement the Nutritional Education Program, National School Lunch and Snack programs, and Child Care Food Program. Appropriations for FY 2004 are as follows:

Program	FY 2004 Appropriation
School Lunch Program Grant (Nutritional Education)	\$115,932
Child Care Food Program Audits	\$344,008

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* (1) School corporations would be required to adopt a nutritional integrity policy. School corporation governing bodies could adopt such a policy within the scope of a normally scheduled business meeting.

(3) Under the bill, schools would be required to adopt a policy requiring physical activity for students in kindergarten through eighth grade for at least five days per week. If recess were allowed to qualify as physical activity, most elementary schools (kindergarten through fifth grade, and sometimes sixth grade) would not experience any impact to expenditures, as these schools most likely already institute a recess period. Elementary schools may need to revise the use of recess time in winter months to insure that physical activity would take place indoors.

Secondary schools (sixth through eighth grades) are currently recommended to participate in a minimum of 100 minutes of weekly instruction in physical education. Current budgetary cutbacks do not afford some schools the ability to achieve the recommendation. If secondary schools do not have any other scheduled time for physical activity, these schools would need to incorporate additional time to adhere to the requirements of the bill. Solutions could involve reduction of other class time for physical activity, use of “home room” period to conduct physical activity, or increase the length of the school day. The final possibility could interfere with the contracts of teachers. More than likely, adding time to the school day would require additional expenditures which may or may not be available, depending on the school.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Summary:* (1) Nutritional integrity policies could affect the sale of soft drinks in schools which do not have policies on consumption during lunch hours. Contracts that schools have with other food vendors could be affected.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education; Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

Information Sources: Beth Folan, Suzanne Crouch, Department of Education; *State of Indiana List of Appropriations, July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2005.*

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